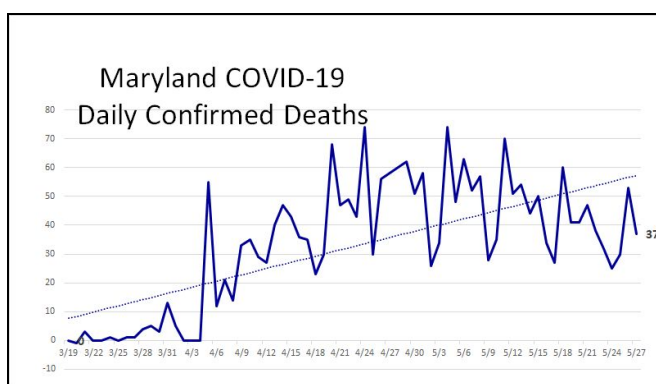
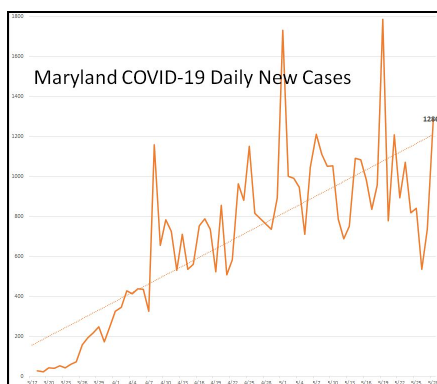
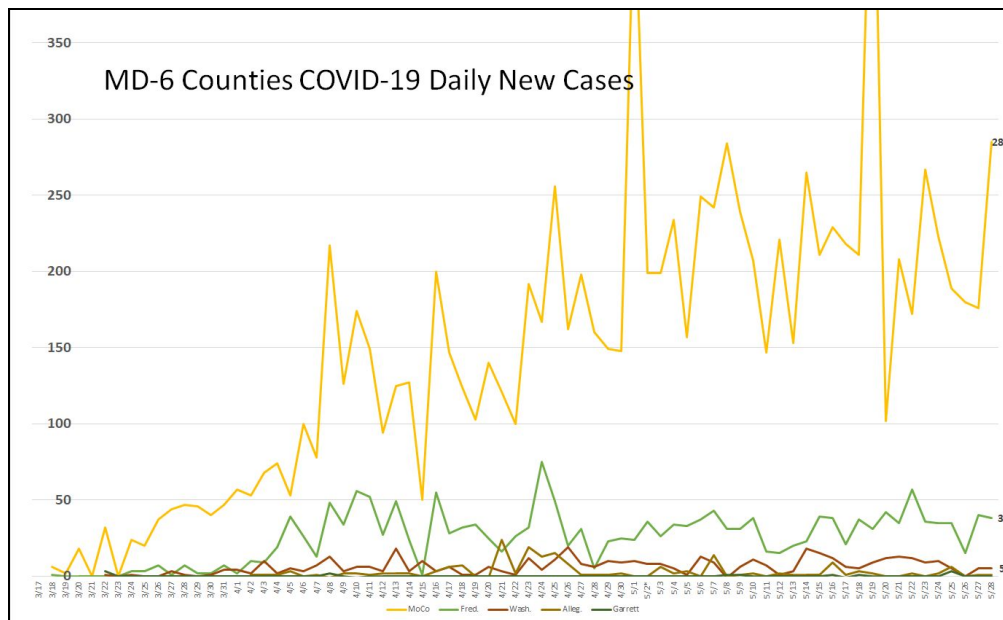
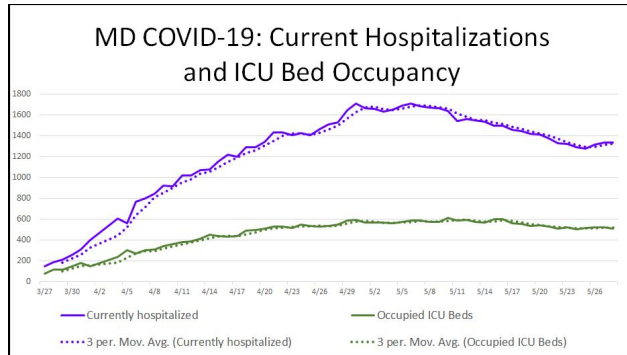
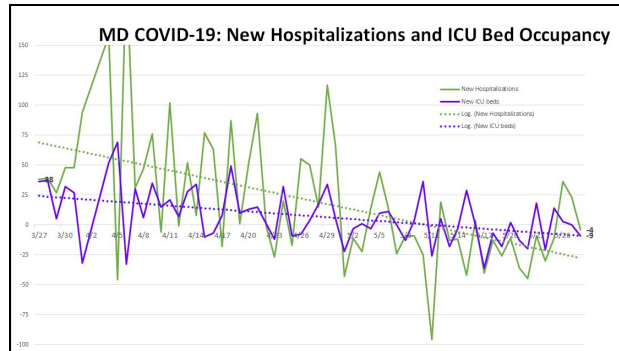


## Daily Coronavirus Update: May 29 Congressman David Trone (MD6)

### Stats May 28 5 PM

Governor Larry Hogan is tracking trends in **hospitalizations** and **ICU beds** for indicators on continued progress to reopen the state. Gov Hogan has given local governments flexibility for reopening decisions, based on local conditions.



Total cases reported: MoCo 10,752, Fred.1,824, Wash. 423, Alleg.178, Garrett 10. MD:49,709 , MD deaths:2,307.

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## Federal Updates

- The U.S. surpassed **100,000 deaths attributed to COVID-19 this week**, according to [Johns Hopkins](#). For several weeks this spring, the White House relied on projections from the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) model, which only last month was projecting **about 60K deaths by August** (with a range from 31K to 127K). IHME consistently forecasted fewer deaths than most other models, largely because the IHME model projected inaccurately that deaths will decline rapidly after the peak. ([Vox](#))
- The U.S. has recorded 1,717,756 confirmed cases and 101,470 deaths due to COVID-19 ([JDU](#)). The figures are higher than all other countries and account for about **30 percent of worldwide cases** and **28 percent of all deaths**. The U.S. has the world's third largest [population](#) at about 331 million (behind China and India) but accounts for only about [4.25 percent of the overall world population](#).
- More than **2.1 million American workers** applied for unemployment benefits last week, according to [unemployment figures released Thursday](#), bringing the total to more than **40 million workers who've lost jobs or wages** since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the country mid-March. The Labor Department reported the overall unemployment rate as 14.7 percent for the period ending May 16.
- To date, **almost 16 million people have been tested for COVID-19 in the U.S.**, according to the [CDC](#), generating an overall **positivity rate of 12 percent**. The CDC data mixes viral testing to confirm current infection and serological antibody tests, which check blood for antibodies, which would indicate previous infection. After some scientists expressed concern about mixing test types and of potential inaccuracies in antibody tests, the CDC says it will separate tests and has acknowledged that "antibody tests should not be used to diagnose COVID-19." CDC further caveats that its data is compiled from a number of sources, that not all tests are reported to CDC, and that the number of positive tests in a state is not equal to the number of cases, as one person may be tested more than once. A bipartisan consortium of scientific experts working with the Rockefeller University recommends that about 30 million tests per week are needed for an effective, data-driven response to the pandemic. ([CBS News](#))
- Approximately **115 COVID-19 vaccine candidates** are in development worldwide, according to the [World Health Organization](#). Of these, **28 are in Phase 1, 2, or 3 clinical trials**, or have achieved significant preclinical development, according to the Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS), which maintains a weekly [tracker](#) documenting candidate type, status, funding and production agreements.

## Maryland Updates

- Gov. Hogan has continued his staged reopening of the state, announcing on Wednesday the return of outdoor dining, youth sports and camps, pools and drive-in movies.
- The state has reached its goal of completing 10,000 tests per day.
- Maryland officials say they have shortened the processing time for state small business grant and loan applications. As of last Friday, the state has approved 4,500 grant applications totaling roughly \$45 million, nearing the \$50 million capacity. But just 1,600 businesses have been issued grant checks, for a total of \$17 million.
- Marylanders filed 48,963 more jobless claims in the week ending on May 22.

## District Updates

- Montgomery County
  - a. Protesters booed, heckled and name-called during a press conference in which County Executive Marc Elrich announced that Phase 1 of reopening Montgomery County would occur on Monday,

June 1 at 6 a.m. The press conference took place in Kentlands Market Square in Gaithersburg and also featured Montgomery County health officer Dr. Travis Gayles and County council president Sidney Katz. Elrich was met with criticism about the county's decision-making in reopening from those who wanted to open up more quickly.

- b. Friday morning the Maryland Department of Health reported 11,035 cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery County, which is an increase of 283 cases from the 10,752 reported Thursday. Since the first case in March, 555 county residents have died from COVID-19. This is an increase of 13 deaths since Thursday, according to the health department. The number of probable deaths is 40.

- Frederick County

- a. County Executive Jan Gardner and Frederick Mayor Michael O'Connor announced Thursday that the city and county will follow the latest stages of Gov. Larry Hogan's reopening plan. Gardner said houses of worship, barbershops and hair salons can open, beginning Friday at 5 p.m., as highlighted in one of her previous executive orders. Barbershops and salons may open at 50 percent capacity, workers must sanitize in between customers and they and customers must wear face coverings, along with following other guidelines from the governor's office.
- b. Del. Dan Cox (R-Frederick and Carroll) wrote in a Facebook post earlier this week he and over a dozen other plaintiffs would be filing an appeal for a temporary restraining order to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, which serves Maryland and four other nearby states. Cox called on Hogan to lift restrictions on businesses, end the requirement for face coverings in businesses and end the ban on gatherings of more than 10 people, among other parts of the orders.

- Washington County

- a. A fourth corrections officer at the Maryland Correctional Training Center has contracted COVID-19, according to the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Other state prison facilities south of Hagerstown off Sharpsburg Pike are Maryland Correctional Institution, which has reported one officer diagnosed with the virus, and Roxbury Correctional Institution, which previously reported one inmate death.

- Allegany County

- a. The Allegany County Board of Commissioners fired back verbally Thursday in response to attacks on social media blaming them for the cancellation of the county fair. Commissioners Jake Shade, Dave Caporale and Creade Brodie Jr. voted unanimously at Thursday's county meeting to cancel the Allegany County Fair and Ag Expo scheduled for July 17-23. However, news of the cancellation had circulated online earlier this week.

- Garrett County

- a. Garrett College announced it anticipates a return to on-campus classes for the fall semester. "I'm pleased to report that our Board of Trustees plans to return to on-campus classes," said Dr. Richard Midcap, the college's president. "The faculty, staff and administration are working on a comprehensive plan so that our return to on-campus instruction is done in a manner that safeguards the health of our students and employees."